

NEGRO STUDENTS PICKET TWO NEW BERN STORES

NEW BERN, March 18 (AP)—Negro High school students, most of them free under bond on trespass charges, picketed two downtown stores today in protest of segregated lunch counter seating.

The Negro students did not attempt to enter either the S. H. Kress Co. or Clark's Drug stores. Had they done so there might have been trouble. Police said a group of husky white youths had occupied seats at the two lunch counters, apparently waiting for the Negroes to show up.

Police Chief James E. Pearsall ordered 29 students arrested Thursday when they refused to leave the Kress and Clark stores. They were freed under \$25 bond each for trial in Recorder's Court Monday on trespass charges.

Pearsall said the group which picketed the stores today were the same as those arrested Thursday.

The Negroes carried placards, one of which read "Why Not Treat Us as Humans." Another read, "Our Object is Justice."

The students were orderly in their picketing, but their presence in the downtown area brought large crowds of spectators and curious. The crowds tied up traffic for more than an hour.